

AMENDMENTS TO DRAWING FIGURES

Add Fig. 7, which is a drawing that shows a flow diagram of steps in a method of manufacture.

REMARKS

Claims 9-24 are pending in the application. Although the Office Action indicates claims 10-14 are rejected, Applicants understand that claim 9 is also rejected. The rejection is made final. The drawings are objected to for failing to show all features of the claims.

Drawings

The Office Action indicates the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for failing to show claimed subject matter such as "removing a portion of said highly wettable finish plating layer by means of a mechanical processing technique" recited in claim 9.

In response, Applicants add Fig. 7 with a flow diagram that illustrates steps in the claimed method of manufacture and amend the specification to refer to the drawing.

Claim Rejections

Claims 9-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, and claims 9, 11, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over prior art. The Office Action indicates claims 10, 12, 13, 15 and 17-24 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections under § 112 and to include all features of base claims on which they depend.

In response, Applicants amend the claims as shown above and request reconsideration. Claims 10 and 19 are rewritten into independent form and claims 9, 11, 14 and 16 are canceled. All other remaining claims depend on either claim 10 or claim 19.

CONCLUSION

Applicants amend the application and request reconsideration in view of the discussion set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enc. One sheet of drawing with Fig. 7